

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 2, 2005

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Greg Tatum of First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Robert Kittle moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of July 19, 2005. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2005, ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-6” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “B-5C” (GENENRAL COMMERCIAL WITH CONDITIONS).” (R & M Warehouse, Inc.) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, refreshed the City Council with the facts regarding the re-zoning. Tom Aton, property owner, was present at the Council meeting. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
 - B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2005, SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.” Hutch Schumaker, committee member of the Smoking Ordinance Review Committee recapped the Ordinance and discussed the amendments that were made at the First Reading of the Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to further amend the Ordinance. She made a motion to delete from page 2 the word “*invited*” and to amend on page 4 under (b) from one hundred twenty days (120) to *one hundred eighty days (180)*. Jesse Brand seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Martha Myers made a motion to pass the amended Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with Ann Devore casting the nay vote.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. First reading of a Resolution entitled ‘RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2005, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” Jim Clouse, Special Projects Manager with Community Development, presented this Ordinance for tax abatement along with

Dan Arnholt, President of Capco and Jun Hashizume. Jim Clouse informed the Council Capco, LLC was requesting a tax abatement in the amount of \$2,115,000 for manufacturing equipment. Robert Kittle reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Capco to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2005” A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUNDS.” Brenda Sullivan, City Clerk Treasurer, indicated she was presenting the Resolution on behalf of Connected Community Partnership. She reported due to records not being located in her office she was not able to give the City Council an accurate account of the exact amount that had been paid to Connected Community Partnership since 2001. Beth Stroh, representative for Connected Community Partnership, was able to produce all the previous records. Brenda Sullivan stated this Resolution approving twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) would actually be the final distribution per the prior Resolutions. Ann DeVore made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports were given.
- B. Warren Baumgart, Director of the Arts Council, explained the Community Reading Program. He presented each person on the Council bench with a book with the assignment to read it, talk about it and pass it on. His hope is it would create positive energy in the community for reading. Mayor Armstrong read a Proclamation regarding the Community Book Reading Program. George Dutro made a motion by Resolution to support and endorse the Community Reading Program with a second from Craig Hawes. The Resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. The next regular scheduled meeting is August 16th, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.
- D. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer